

1                                **Board of Forestry and Fire Protection**  
2                                **“Montane Hardwood Management Amendments, 2016”**  
3                                **Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR):**  
4                                **Division 1.5, Chapter 4,**  
5                                **Subchapters 4, 5, & 6, Article 3 – Silvicultural Methods**  
6                                **December 8, 2015**

7        **Amend:**

8        **§§ 913.4, 933.4                                Special Prescriptions**

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11        The following special harvesting methods are appropriate under certain conditions:

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13                **(f) Montane Hardwood Management.** This prescription is applicable in the  
14        Coast and Northern Forest Districts. Conifers within certain historic oak woodlands as  
15        described herein may be harvested in order to avoid loss of Montane Hardwood stands  
16        to conifer encroachment, and to sustain or retain the ecological or economic values of  
17        Montane Hardwood stands. Projects using this prescription shall be designed to  
18        balance the contribution of resource values attributable to Montane Hardwood stands  
19        with the other goals of forest management specified in 14 CCR § 897, and shall meet  
20        the following requirements:

- 21                (1) The prescription may be applied to stands that have historically exhibited  
22                the character of a montane hardwood vegetative type where which Garry  
23                oak and/or California black oak are the major oak species comprising the  
24                vegetative type as identified by:

- 25                        (A) WHR;

- 1 (B) The U.S Natural Vegetation Classification system; or  
2 (C) The Fire and Resource Assessment Program  
3 (2) The RPF shall provide the following in the plan in sufficient detail for  
4 review and evaluation:  
5 (A) Identify the vegetation classification for the stand that meets this  
6 criterion, the author and citation for the published work, and provide  
7 a copy of published type maps of the area, if available.  
8 (B) A description of natural or anthropogenic factors that have  
9 contributed to the sustained presence of a Montane Hardwood-  
10 dominated stand. This may include soil or geologic characteristics,  
11 fire history, and past management practices.  
12 (C) A description of apparent trend in stand composition over time and  
13 the factors likely to be contributing to this trend.  
14 (D) A description of what specie(s) of tree will be harvested.  
15 (E) A description of any special protection measures taken to protect  
16 residual California black oak and/or Garry oak during timber  
17 operations.  
18 (F) An estimate of the pre and post-harvest species composition,  
19 diameter distribution by species, and basal area by species.  
20 (3) Immediately after harvest the area must meet the minimum resource  
21 conservation standards of 14 CCR § 912.7 [937.7] (b)(2) with a  
22 combination of Group A species, California black oak, and Garry oak.  
23 Group A species may not make up more than 20% of the post-harvest  
24 basal area of the stand.  
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**Comment [A1]:** This citation may have to change depending upon how the Board decides to progress with the authority granted in AB 417.

- 1 (4) Timberland productivity and MSP requirements, pursuant to 14 CCR §§  
2 913.10, 933.10, 913.11, and 933.11 are compatible with implementing this  
3 prescription.  
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**Comment [A2]:** This may be unnecessary and redundant when compared to existing regulation in 14 CCR § 913.11(c)(3).